



Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: the Dawn of a Covenant

Holding Out for a Hero

Where have all the good men gone
 And where are all the gods?
 Where's the streetwise Hercules
 To fight the rising odds?
 Isn't there a white knight upon a fiery steed?
 Late at night, I toss and I turn
 And I dream of what I need
 I need a hero
 I'm holding out for a hero 'til the end of the night
 He's gotta be strong, and he's gotta be fast
 And he's gotta be fresh from the fight
 -Bonnie Tyler

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
 my soul shall exult in my God,
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness.
 -Isaiah 61:10a

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
 flesh, to gratify its desires.
 -Romans 13:14

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal
 procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge
 of him everywhere. -2 Corinthians 2:14

Order of Worship

Welcome & Update

Prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 5

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's
 steadfast love for us. For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the
 sound of our cries. Come, let us take refuge in the God of our
 salvation.

**People: For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble. Come,
 let us rejoice and sing for joy! For God is surely in this place!**

All: Let us worship God!

Hymns of Praise

Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
 The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue;
 Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
 Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
 Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
 But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
 And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
 Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
 Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
 And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
 And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
 All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
 Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
 (Repeat last two lines)

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame
 But wholly trust in Jesus' name (x2)

Christ alone, Cornerstone
 Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
 Through the storm
 He is Lord
 Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
 I rest on His unchanging grace
 In every high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil
 My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
 Oh may I then in Him be found
 Dressed in His righteousness alone
 Faultless, stand before the throne

Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

Confession

Our loving Father in Heaven, we confess that our sin and pride hide
 the brightness of your light.
 We stay silent when you prompt us to share your Word, cross the street
 to turn away from the poor, we defend our pride and do not strive for
 peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and give
 us ears to hear your Spirit's call to a new life lived for your purposes. So
 that as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and
 life of Jesus Christ into our world. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 3:1

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins
 have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since
 we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above,
 where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God;
 amen.

Hymn of Assurance

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above.
 Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
 Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
 Hither by Thy help I'm come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Tithes and Offerings

credit card and other options such as e-transfers are available
via mail@gracevancouver.com

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture - Genesis 35:1-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

Sermon Title: Holding Out for a Hero

Sermon Outline

1. The Spiritual Obtuseness of Jacob and Violence of His Sons
2. God's Pursuit of Jacob and Jacob's Responsiveness
3. A Seeming Gap in Rachel's Story and Spiritual Growth
4. The Hero Who Truly Cleanses and Covers Us

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (x2)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me

Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

Announcements

1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7-7:45 pm.
2. Prayer requests & Tithes. Please send to mail@gracevancouver.com
3. AGM- Today after the service (No Soup and Bread)
4. Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ- April 12 @7:30pm
5. INKS Dinner at the Hsu's home on April 13 @ 6pm
6. Good Friday service- March 18 at 7:30pm
7. Easter Potluck after the service on April 20
8. Family Drop In April 26th 9-11am. Sign-up in back!
9. All Church Retreat June 13-15! Registration forms on back table.
10. Ben's Band show- May 3 @ 7pm

Tithes

2024 Annual Budget	\$250,000
2025 Annual Budget	TBA
Giving Last Week	\$4,629

Ministry Contacts

Lead Pastor:

Mike Hsu – mike@gracevancouver.com

Assoc. Pastor of Worship and Discipleship:

Abel Sisco - abel@gracevancouver.com